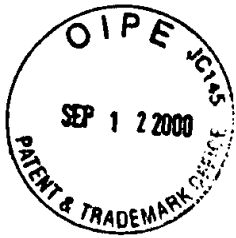


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

~~The~~ Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth in the attached separate pages be entered before examination of the above-identified reissue application.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~The~~ attached separate pages include claims amendments in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.121(b)(2)(i)(A).

COMMENTS

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified reissue application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments attached hereto, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(i)(A).

Firstly, Applicants wish to point out that Claim 1 has been corrected to eliminate the term "room" appearing at line three of the original reissue application. Applicants submit

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